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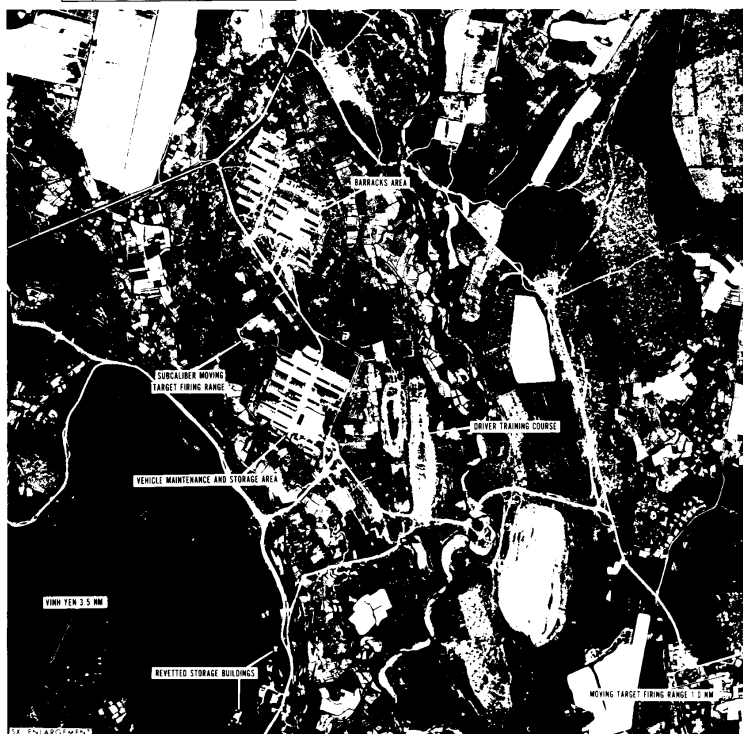
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1. COLLATERAL REVEALS THAT AS OF 1962, THE 202ND ARMORED REGIMENT WAS LOCATED AT VINH YEN, NORTH VIETNAM. THIS REGIMENT WAS REPORTEDLY FORMED IN MID-1959 FROM CADRES THAT HAD COMPLETED ARMOR TRAINING IN COMMUNIST CHINA. ONE BATTALION FROM THIS REGIMENT, EQUIPPED WITH PT-76'S, WAS SENT INTO LAOS IN NOVEMBER 1961. COLLATERAL ALSO REPORTS THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TO HAVE ARMORED VEHICLES SUCH AS THE SOVIET PT-76/SU-76 TANKS, SOME UNITED STATES WORLD WAR II M24 LIGHT TANKS, AND POSSIBLY SOME OLD JAPANESE TANKS, TYPES 95 AND 97. THE LACK OF ARMOR REPRESENTS NO SERIOUS WEAKNESS, HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE TERRAIN IN NORTH VIETNAM IS GENERALLY UNSUITABLE FOR ARMORED WARFARE.

2. LUCKY DRAGON [REDACTED] REVEALS AN ARMY TRAINING AREA LOCATED 3.5 NM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF VINH YEN. THE INSTALLATION CONTAINS A BARRACKS AREA, A SECURED VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE AREA, AND A REVETTED STORAGE AREA, WITH A TOTAL OF 14 BARRACKS, 18 VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE BUILDINGS, 6 AMMUNITION STORAGE BUILDINGS, 2 ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS, 5 MESSHALLS, 2 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS, AND 15 MISCELLANEOUS BUILDINGS. A SUBCALIBER FIRING RANGE IS ADJACENT TO THE STORAGE AREA AND A DRIVER TRAINING COURSE IS LOCATED TO THE EAST. FIVE TANKS ARE OBSERVED AT A MOVING TARGET FIRING RANGE TWO NM NORTHEAST OF THE INSTALLATION.

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3. [REDACTED] FIRST REVEALED THE PRESENCE OF  
TANKS (PT-76) AT THIS INSTALLATION. EIGHT TANKS WERE OBSERVED ON  
LAZY DAISY [REDACTED]

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4. AREA HAS BEEN OBSERVED ON PREVIOUS TALENT, COLD TALE, AND  
LAZY DAISY PHOTOGRAPHY.

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